

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 7, 1997

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE JOHN T. JENKINS, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready and City Clerk Gerald P. Berube.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 1997, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

A motion was made to approve the Cable Television Transfer Agreement from A-R Cable Services-ME, Inc. to FrontierVision Operating Partners.

Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton briefly reviewed the negotiation process which has taken place over several months which has involved several Lewiston and Auburn City Officials. The City of Auburn approved a similar agreement in September and the agreement was being recommended by the City's cable consultant, Attorney Pat Scully.

Mr. William J. Mahon, Jr., Vice President of Operations for FrontierVision briefed members of the City Council on how FrontierVision plans to operate the local franchise and answered questions. He advised the Council that Frontier expects to complete upgrades to the system a year and a half earlier than called for in the Franchise Agreement, and FrontierVision will retain all technical staff now with A-R Cable. He stated that although dispatching will be done from Rockland, trucks will continue to remain locally, and the company will have an office within five miles from the local city halls.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the Cable Television Franchise Transfer Agreement from A-R Cable Services-ME, Inc. to FrontierVision Operating Partners, L.P. effective October 7, 1997. Passed - Vote 7-0

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT COURT

Mr. Ted Glessner, State Court Administrator, Attorney Tom Peters, representing the Bar Association, and Leighton Cooney, President of the Downtown Development and Management Corporation, advised the Council of the progress of getting a new District Court in Lewiston, and the steps that need to be taken to bring this project to fruition.

Councilors were told that the present facility has become far too crowded and sometimes approaches unsafe conditions. Mr. Glessner stated that the new facility would have 28,000 square feet and be designed for expansion in the future. The Council was told that there are a number of reasons to keep the facility downtown.

The Mayor and members of the Council expressed their full support for this new facility.

The City Council was advised that due to improvements made in the No Name Pond area, amendments were necessary to the traffic schedule to reflect current conditions. The proposed changes do not reflect any changes to the current speed limits.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept the recommendation of the Police Department to amend the Traffic Schedule as follows:

SECTION 37 - SPEED LIMITS

NO NAME POND ROAD

30 MPH starting at the junction of Old Greene Rd and extending east to CMP Pole #~~10~~ 20 a total distance of 0.50 mile

35 MPH starting at a point 0.50 mile east of the junction of Old Greene Rd at CMP pole #~~10~~ 20 and extending easterly ~~to the existing end of pavement~~ a ~~total~~ distance of 1.00 mile

25 MPH starting 1.00 mile east of CMP Pole #20 ~~at the existing end of pavement~~ and extending easterly to the Sabattus Town Line a total distance of 0.30 mile

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the Lewiston Housing Authority to place its base radio and antenna at the Webber Avenue Reservoir.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the agreement between the City of Lewiston and the State of Maine Department of Transportation regarding proposed rehabilitation and improvement to Sabattus Street between Campus Avenue and Russell Street and to authorize the City Administration to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Lewiston. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

That the maximum amounts allowed for general assistance and the maximum amounts allowed for food and housing, for persons eligible to receive assistance in accordance with the standards of eligibility, be amended in accordance with HUD guidelines and the current Thrifty Food Plan.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Marc A. Pellerin, 22 Pond Ridge to a five-year term on the Lewiston Housing Authority, said term to expire on September 17, 2002.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To waive Section 1(a) of the Rules Governing the City Council and to hold only one regular meeting in the months of November and December, said meetings to be held on Tuesday, November 18 and Tuesday, December 9, 1997.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adjourn at 8:42 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Gerald P. Berube, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine